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SUBJECT: ITALY: NO OFFICIAL POSITION YET ON ICAO-MONTREAL  
WMD AMENDMENT

REF: SECSTATE 149107

1. EmbOffs met with Stefano Nicoletti, Head of MFA's Economic Affairs unit in their America's Office, regarding the proposed WMD amendment to the Montreal Convention. Nicoletti was not aware of the discussions on the proposed amendment in the July ICAO Legal Sub-Committee meeting. While he said that he would need to confer with GOI's permanent representative to ICAO in Montreal on the subject, Nicoletti stated that he believed that in principle there would be no immediate opposition to the proposal since it concerned security provisions.

2. EmbOffs subsequently met with Fabio Marchiandi, Head of International Relations at ENAC (GOI's civil aviation authority). Marchiandi informed us that GOI would have no objection to the amendment from a security standpoint; however, he articulated a concern about the potential for such an amendment to affect insurance costs for air carriers, and in turn passenger fares. In addition, he stated that the safety aspects of the amendment required him to confer with ENAC's safety representative. He also intends to discuss the matter with ENAC's permanent representative to ICAO in Montreal.

3. EmbOffs will follow-up with both Nicoletti and Marchiandi the week of November 5-9 and report SEPTEL.  
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